--An orthotic cuff with a basically different structure is shown in FIGS. 5 and 6, where the functional component is a ring 7 that is made of elastic material and is open on one side. The elasticity of said material forces the cuff into its shape surrounding the lower leg. Said ring 7 either consists of highly elastic plastic, e.g. polycarbonate, or a highly elastic metal such as, for example stainless steel. The cuff so designed is placed around the lower leg like a clasp and then kept in position by the elastic rebound forces of the ring 7. The present embodiment of the cuff does not require any closing elements.--

A marked-up version is shown as Exhibit A.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The orthosis cuff according to claim 1, characterized in that the cuff (1) is produced from stiff leather or plastic and comprises a stiff ~~functional~~ 2 component (2) surrounding the lower leg on all sides, as well as closing elements (6) overlapping each other and being located on the ends of the functional 2 component (2).

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) The orthosis cuff according to claim 1, characterized in that the cuff (1) is a ring (7) open on one side